

## **Abstract**

**Title:** Varsity sport in Canada in the perspective of foreign and domestic student-athletes

**Objectives:** The aim of this thesis is to analyze the system of varsity sport in Canada, to identify its problematic areas from the perspective of student-athletes and to make suggestions for its improvements.

**Methods:** In this thesis the method of descriptive analysis was used. The information on varsity sport in Canada was mainly collected by exploring the documents of the governing body for varsity sports, the Canadian University Sport.

The second method used was an interview. This was used in order to get additional information on varsity sports and to get suggestions and ideas from student-athletes.

**Results:** Several problematic areas in varsity sports in Canada were identified: athletic financial awards, funding of the teams, several eligibility rules (number of years of eligibility, academic requirements, athletes' age limit), non-Canadian student-athletes, limited number of varsity sports, and limited opportunities for the athletes to continue their sport after graduation. Suggestions were made in order to improve these areas.

**Keywords:** varsity sport, student-athlete, eligibility rules, Sport Canada, Canadian Sport System, Canadian University Sport